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SECOND QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production in West Virginia totaled 51 million pounds during the April - June quarter of 2006. This was up 2 million pounds from the same quarter last year and up 1 million pounds from the January - March 2006 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 13,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES -- Milk production in the U.S. during the April - June quarter totaled 46.9 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.13 million head, 93,000 head more than the same period last year.